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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 3558

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PO, ZA

SUBJ: JORGE JARDIM

REFS: (A) STATE 168723; (B) LOURENCO MARQUES 703;

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1. IN COURSE CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE AUGUST 19, FOREIGN MINISTER SOARES EXPRESSED HIS FEELING THAT PORTUGAL SHOULD PROCEED TO REACH AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF POWERS WITH FRELIMO RATHER THAN PURSUING THE SELF-DEFEATING COURSE OF HOLDING PRE-INDEPENDENCE ELECTIONS CONTESTED BY A NUMBER OF "PUPPET" PARTIES SUCH AS MIGHT BE SUPPORTED BY JORGE JARDIM. CHARGE TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF INQUIRING IF GOP REALLY FELT THAT JARDIM SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. SOARES REPLIED THAT JARDIM HAD INDEED BEEN PLAYING A NEFARIOUS GAME, EVIDENCE FOR WHICH WAS PROVIDED BY SAMORA MACHEL WHO SHOWED SOARES A LETTER FRELIMO HAD RECEIVED FROM JARDIM (SOARES GAVE NO DATE). IN THE LETTER, JARDIM HAD INFORMED FRELIMO THAT HE HAD A PRIVATE MERCENARY FORCE IN BEGING IN MOZAMBIQUE WHICH HE WAS PREPARED TO PUT AT FRELIMO DISPOSAL IF FRELIMO PREPARED COOPERATE WITH HIM IN BUILDING AN INDEPENDENT  
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MOZAMBIQUE. (SOARES ADDED THAT MACHEL ALSO SHOWED HIM A LETTER FROM JOANA SIMIAO OFFERING TO JOIN FORCES

WITH FRELIMO, AN OFFER FRELIMO NOT DISPOSED ACCEPT.)

2. AS INDICATION OF DEGREE OF SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH PRESENT PORTUGUESE LEADERS VIEW JARDIM'S ACTIVITIES, MAJOR RAVARA, AIDE TO GENERAL COSTA GOMES, TOLD EMBASSY CONTACT THAT ONLY OCCASION ON WHICH HE HAS SEEN COSTA GOMES LOSE HIS COOL WAS WHEN HE LEARNED THAT JARDIM HAD ESCAPED FROM MALAWI EMBASSY IN LISBON AND REACHED SPAIN. THIS NEWS THREW COSTA GOMES INTO TOWERING RAGE.

3. JARDIM INTERVIEW IN TRIBUNA (REF B) ALSO CARRIED IN FULL IN WEEKLY EXPRESSO IN LISBON. JARDIM HAS THUS BECOME WIDE-OPEN TOPIC OF CONVERSATION LOCALLY WHICH WOULD ENABLE EMBASSY TO PROBE FURTHER WITHOUT BEING MISINTERPRETED IF DEPARTMENT WISHED TO REMOVE RESTRICTION AGAINST RAISING SUBJECT (REF C).  
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